

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD – Allegations of irregularities in execution of road work from “Husnabad via Arepally to Potlapally” in Karimnagar District - Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar – Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1466.

Dated:20.09.2013

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II and III).

3. Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar, is directed to submit within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar, is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of article of those charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the period specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. NAGI REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

(in duplicate with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledgement copy)

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Copy to:

The PR&RD (Estt.II) Department.

The G.A (V&E) Dept. (Vigilance Report No.19 (126/V&E/E2/2011), dt. 20.02.2013.

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ANNEXURE-I

(Annexure to G.O.Rt.No. 1466,PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., dt.20.09.2013)

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI E. DASHARATHAM, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ, PIU DIVISION, KARIMNAGAR AND NOW SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PR CIRCLE, KARIMNAGAR

CHARGE:

That Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar, has misused his official position for his personal gain by committing irregularities in execution of work road from "Husnabad 22/5 KM of T01 to Arepally" in Karimnagar District, under PMGSY, Phase-VII grant, by allowing and recommending payment for substandard quality of CC pavement in KM 0/0 to Km 0/493 in Husnabad village portion.

BASIS:

The G.A(V&E) Dept. in their Vigilance Report 19 (126/V&E/E2/2011), dt. 20.02.2013 have informed that they have enquired on 02.05.2012 and 12.05.2012 into allegations in execution of road work from "Husnabad via Arepally to Potlapally" in Karimnagar District and observed the following:-

The work road from "Husnabad 22/5 KM of T01 to Arepally, in Karimnagar District, under PMGSY, Phase-VII grant was administratively sanctioned vide G.O.Rt.No.1317, dt.29.08.2008 of PR & RD (Progs.II) Dept., for Rs.50.75 Lakhs. The same was technically sanctioned vide TSR No.NIL/08-09, dt.06-09-2008 for Rs.50.75 lakhs, by the Chief Engineer, PR, PMGSY, NABARD as per 2008-09 SSR. The work was entrusted to Sri D. Srinivas Reddy, Contractor vide Agreement No.79/SE/2008-09, dt.10.11.2008 at 1.26% less than the estimated rates and work is completed on 08.12.2009. The value of work done till final bill is Rs.44,40,371/-.

The G.A (V&E) Dept. have made the following findings:-

1. Tests conducted for compressive strength on cores extracted from the hardened concrete of CC pavement failed to satisfy the relevant standards for M30 grade concrete. The CC pavement executed is to be rejected and relaid at the cost of the Contractor. The rejected value of work is Rs.16,09,888/-. Hence, the allegation that "cement concrete road in Husnabad (V) was executed without following the standards" is substantiated.
2. A shortfall of 8.36% in Bitumen content at KM 1/292 was observed which is within the allowable of 15% and an amount of Rs.30,764/- is proposed as recovery for the deficiency.
3. The CC pavement is proposed with M30 grade concrete and approval for Mix Design was not obtained from the competent authority prior to commencement of work.
4. Provision for labour cess @ 1% on Rs. 44,40,371.46 i.e., Rs.44,404/- is to be included in the working estimate as per the directions of Hon'ble High and recovered from the bill of the Contractor.

Thus, Sri E. Dasharatham, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Karimnagar and now Superintending Engineer, PR circle, Karimnagar, has failed to discharge his legitimate duties properly and colluded with the contractor and benefited him by allowing and recommending payment for substandard quality of CC pavement in Km 0/0 to Km 0/493 in Husnabad village portion. Thus, he violated Rule (3) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the Charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

(Annexure to G.O.Rt.No. 1466,PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., dt.20.09.2013)

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI E. DASHARATHAM, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ, PIU DIVISION, KARIMNAGAR AND NOW SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PR CIRCLE, KARIMNAGAR

Vigilance Report No. 19(126/V&E/E2/2011), dt. 20.02.2013 of G.A.(Vigilance & Enforcement) Department.

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ANNEXURE-III

(Annexure to G.O.Rt.No. 1466, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., dt.20.09.2013)

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI E. DASHARATHAM, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ, PIU DIVISION, KARIMNAGAR AND NOW SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PR CIRCLE, KARIMNAGAR.

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